

TRIBUTE TO ROOTS OF PEACE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. TAUSHER, Ms. WOOLSEY and myself honor Roots of Peace, a humanitarian organization dedicated to fostering prosperity in the spirit that turns swords into plowshares.

Since its founding in 1997 by Ms. Heidi Kuhn, Roots of Peace has worked towards the global eradication of landmines, sowing seeds of goodwill by transforming "mines into vines." In communities throughout the world, Roots of Peace restores hope and prosperity by replacing toxic minefields that maim and kill with blossoming vineyards and fields of grain.

Understanding that landmines impact not only individual victims and their families, but hold entire communities hostage emotionally, environmentally, and economically, Roots of Peace implements comprehensive and lasting solutions. The organization has waged its campaign against landmines on four fronts: awareness, removal, treatment, and restoration.

Landmines maim or kill approximately 26,000 people each year, 10,000 of them children. Lurking patiently beneath the earth's surface, mines can wait almost indefinitely for their victims. Today, an estimated 70 million mines in over 70 nations are waiting for a mere eight pounds of pressure to detonate. These indiscriminate weapons of terror neither know nor care if that pressure is applied by the boot of a marching soldier or the bare foot of a playing child.

The successful removal of these gruesomely destructive weapons is both dangerous and costly. In contrast to the three dollars required to manufacture and plant a landmine, its removal can cost up to 1,000 dollars. Since its inception, Roots of Peace has worked tirelessly garnering the resources necessary to rid vast expanses of land of the mines that keep them lying fallow and transform them into thriving farmland.

This summer alone, Roots of Peace is planting rice in Cambodia, orchards in Croatia, and grapes in Afghanistan. Also, in a particularly poignant expression of hope for a lasting peace, Roots of Peace will be planting wheat in Iraq, bringing the dream of neighbors in this war-torn country breaking bread together closer to fruition.

We ask all of our colleagues to join us in commending Roots of Peace for their outstanding work which saves lives and restores livelihoods in communities around the world.

HONORING MARY LAVERONI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Laveroni for her 50 years of service with Groveland Community Service District and her other contributions to the community of Groveland. She will be honored at a ceremony on August 19th to dedicate Groveland's Wayside Park as Mary Laveroni Community Park.

Laveroni has shown continuous involvement and commitment to the Groveland community. She was one of three founding directors who formed the Groveland Community Service District in 1953 to address the area's water problems. She served on its board for a total of 26 years, 18 as Board President. Along with fellow board members, Laveroni helped secure a reliable and low cost water supply from San Francisco's Hetch Hetchy project. Today, the Groveland Community Service District handles not only the area's water needs by providing wastewater collection and treatment, but also park maintenance, fire and rescue and other vital services to the community.

Laveroni's contributions to her community go beyond the formation of the services district. Mary is responsible for donating the land and financing the construction of the Groveland Medical Clinic. She also served for 17 years in the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Laveroni for her contributions to the Groveland community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Mary for her continual service and years of dedication.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN TIMOTHY
MCHENRY**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Captain Timothy McHenry who has served with distinction in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department for almost thirty-seven years and who is now retiring.

Before his career with the Sheriffs Office, Tim McHenry drove an ambulance and served in the Army Reserves. He joined the Sheriff's Office on September 19, 1966 as a Deputy Sheriff, a rank he held for eight years. In this position he was assigned to the patrol unit, the courts and the manpower pool. He took over the Explorer program in 1969, devoting himself to serving the youth of our community. He has earned the many commendations from the five Sheriffs he has served under in his career for his extraordinary leadership and affiliation with Exploring.

Tim McHenry was promoted to Sergeant on October 1, 1974, a rank he held for 23 years. He served as Administrative Sergeant in the Reserve Program and was also active with the Divers, beginning the organization of the Emergency Services Bureau. He developed the Emergency Services Detail, the primary unit within San Mateo County that searches for lost people. He also launched a second Explorer post and the Deputy Cliff Rescue unit which has been responsible for many rescues on the cliffs of San Mateo County.

Tim McHenry developed the search and rescue coordinator position, a 24-hour on-call position for search and rescue, fires, floods, earthquakes and hazardous materials. This program has been expanded to include terrorism response. He initiated the County Commanders' paging system for mutual aid, developed the mobile field force concept for enforcement in mutual aid zones and developed, with the County's police chiefs, the personal protective equipment concept for all law enforcement in San Mateo County.

Tim McHenry has been honored by several Sheriffs for developing STAR camp, a very successful summer camp opportunity for youth in San Mateo County. He brought the Exploring Challenge, a regional Explorer event with competitions and education for teenagers, to San Mateo County in 1996 and 2000.

Tim McHenry was promoted to Lieutenant in March 16, 1977 and to Captain in March, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Captain Tim McHenry for his extraordinary service to our community spanning almost four decades and in wishing him every blessing in his well-deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF POINT LOOKOUT
STATE PARK'S RECEIPT OF A
2003 CHESAPEAKE BAY GATE-
WAYS NETWORK GRANT**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Point Lookout State Park received a 2003 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Grant for a project designed to enhance key sites and resources at the park. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources will match the grant.

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, which includes more than 120 museums, State parks, wildlife refuges and other sites in five States and the District of Columbia, was created to enhance the experience of visitors to the Chesapeake Bay and its many roads, rivers and trails. Authorized by the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998, the Gateways Network is coordinated by the National Park Service in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Program.

During the past four years, Gateways Network Grants have funded new maps, improved signs, and expanded trails that have made visits to parks, wildlife refuges and water trails even more exciting and enjoyable than they had previously been. These grants help enhance the public's ability to learn and enjoy the Chesapeake's stories and significance, explore its natural and cultural resources, and become involved in helping conserve and restore the Bay and its watershed. Through these projects and other Gateways Network efforts more and more people recognize the Chesapeake as a true national treasure.

In 2003, the National Park Service is awarding \$1,387,309 in grant funding, matched by over \$2 million in partner contributions. Thirty-two grants are being made to Gateways throughout the Bay watershed in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Point Lookout State Park is receiving a grant of \$39,320 and \$39,415 in partner contributions.

The project proposed by Point Lookout State Park and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will develop a series of up to 14 outdoor interpretive exhibits, or waysides, highlighting key sites and resources at the park. A number of exhibits will focus on Civil War era stories showing how the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River played important roles in the war. Additional exhibits will